Increase in Scholarship Amount to SCs/STs Students

5481. SHRI K. PRADHANI :
SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the scholarship amount to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the amount of scholarship is likely to be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir/Madam. The scholarship amount under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been increased with effect from 1.10.1995.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

I. INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE RATES.

The following table shows the pre-revised vis-a-vis the revised maintenance allowance rate per month.

(In Rupees)

GROUP	MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE RATES			
	Pre-Revised		Revised	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars	Hostellers	Day Scholars
A (Degree Level professional courses)	280	125	425	290
B (Diploma in professional disciplines)	190	125	290	190
C (Certificate/ Diploma in technical courses, general Post-Graduate courses)	190	125	290	150
D (Graduate Level courses, 2nd yrs. and onwards)	175	90	230	120
E (10 plus 2 level courses and first year of graduate level courses)	115	65	150	90

II. INCREASE IN STUDY TOUR CHARGES.

The study tour charges towards study tours required to be undertaken by students pursuing professional and technical courses towards completion of their courses, have been increased from Rs. 100/- per annum to Rs. 500/- per annum.

III. PROVISION OF BOOK ALLOWANCE TO STUDENTS PURSUING CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

The Book Allowance of Rs. 500/- per annum has also been introduced in the Scheme w.e.f. 1.10.1995 to students pursuing correspondence courses including distance and continuing education.

Changes in Schedule of Programmes on Guwahati Doordarshan

5482. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati has initiated changes in its schedules to make the programmes more effective and enjoyable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the new programmes are likely to be undertaken;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the time of programmes meant for farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Steel Plant

5483. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken to set up a Steel plant at Gopalpur, in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to be set up in the public sector or private sector;

(c) if it is proposed to be set up in the private sector, the details of its management, and the capital likely to be invested;

(d) the expected installed capacity of the above steel plant;

(e) the time by which the construction of the project is likely to be started; and

(f) the time by which it will start production?